



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Ron Gonzales

SUBJECT: Approval of nominations to the WIN
Youth Council Committee

DATE: March 30, 2006

Approved

Date 3/30/06

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the following nominations to the San José Silicon Valley Workforce Investment Network Board of Directors and to the SVWIN Youth Council Committee:

NAME	TITLE	ORGANIZATION
Sandra Murillo	Grant Manager	Department of Housing City of San José
John R. Sablan, Sr.	Parent	N/A
J.R. Sablan, Jr.	Youth	N/A

BACKGROUND

Established in 2001, the Workforce Investment Network Board of Directors is composed of representatives of employers, educators, and economic development and community service organizations throughout its service area. The Board of Directors is responsible for establishing the membership of the Youth Council Committee, as mandated by the Workforce Investment Act. Currently, the YCC has 16 members, with one youth and no parent representatives.

Ms. Murillo has worked with the San José Department of Housing for 14 years and is currently the Homeless Services Grant Manager. In this role she works directly with homeless service agencies to support efforts to end and prevent homelessness. She has also assisted the City to meet its goal of preserving affordable housing for low-income owners and occupants. Her knowledge of local housing resources will assist youth and their parents who need information on related programs and services. Her membership on the Youth Council Committee will fulfill the WIA mandate that there is a representative from the local housing authority on the Youth Council Committee.

Mr. Sablan, Sr. has been a resident of San José for more than 25 years and is the father of three children, one of whom is enrolled with SVWIN as a youth client. Mr. Sablan is employed by Comcast and is committed to seeking family-based solutions for at-risk youth in the community. Mr. Sablan's personal experience with occupational skills training programs as well as his perspective as parent familiar with SVWIN will be a welcome addition to the YCC. His membership will fulfill the WIA mandate that a parent of an eligible youth seeking assistance under WIA be represented on the YCC.

J.R. Sablan, Jr. will join the Youth Council Committee as a youth representative. He recently completed the hospitality and customer service training offered through SVWIN and is now successfully employed by Doubletree Hotel. Before his SVWIN training, he had difficulty obtaining gainful employment. J.R. has a great desire to encourage other young people who come from difficult backgrounds to seek occupational skills training while also pursuing their educational goals. His addition to the YCC will bring a valuable perspective that will be valuable for innovative marketing and outreach strategies to reach at-risk youth in the region.

To achieve the goals of the federal Workforce Investment Act, the SVWIN board works collaboratively to link effective job training for individuals with workforce development for employers. Creating these linkages is critical to ensuring that our residents are prepared with the appropriate skills and training as they enter or return to the job market.

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